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1. On 14 July 1953, a supply depot was at CU-609360, approximately 4 kilometers northwest of Wonsan. This depot furnished supplies to all troops in the Wonsan area. There were 250 women laborers and 20 men office workers employed at the depot. The women laborers were paid approximately 700 to 900 North Korean won each month. They received a daily ration of four hops of rice, and their families received two hops of rice.
2. On 14 July 1953, a food storage area was at XC-919605 in Sandong-ni (N 38-29, E 125-12) (XC-9261). The grains were stored in seven piles, at intervals of 15 meters. Each pile was 10 meters long, 7 meters wide, and 10 meters high. Approximately 1,000 bags of grains were in each pile, and the piles were camouflaged with grass and pine trees. The following grains and beans were stored in the area: 1,000 bags of polished rice; 300 bags of millet; 1,300 bags of beans; 1,200 bags of red beans; 1,500 bags of wheat; and 1,900 bags of unhulled rice. The area was guarded by members of the local self-defense unit. The storage area was managed by the Unyul People's Committee in Hwanghae Province.
3. On 30 January 1953, a consumers' guild was in a building at BS-477945 in Songbong-myon (N 37-53, E 126-05) (BS-4496). The building was 20 meters long, 15 meters wide, 3 meters high, and had an open court in the center. The north side of the building was used as billets; the east and west sides were used as storages; and the south side was used as a retail shop operated by the guild. Approximately 70 to 100 bags of rice were kept stored in the storage rooms at all times. The retail shop had the following items for sale: polished rice and other grains, hemp cloth, soap, writing materials, grass mats, shovels, oils, anchovies, and Hungarian-made shoes. The guild employed six persons, including the chief, YI (2621) (fnu), aged 40 and a native of Kumhwa.

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4. On 21 May 1953, the Sŏho Food Ration Distribution Center was at the foot of a mountain at CV-842089 in Sŏhojin (N 39-50, E 127-39) (CV-8410). The center was in a building, 10 meters long, 5 meters wide, and 3.5 meters high, with a black tin roof and tin walls. An office was in a revetment immediately east of the building. The revetment was 3 meters long, 2 meters high, and 1.5 meters wide. Twenty bags of Chinese rice, 30 bags of sorghum, and one scale were kept in the main building, and 30 bags of Chinese rice were stored in the revetment. This distribution center rationed food to families of North Korean army troops in the Sŏhojin area, and to North Korean army units stationed in the vicinity of CV-852098.

1. Comment. Possibly Ŭllyul (N 38-31, E 125-12) (XC-9265) was intended.

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